

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mark Peters at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822

MEETING ADVERTISED

The meeting was advertised in the February 1, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Jeannie Geremia; Deborah Hoskins; Pat Morlando (arrived at 7:35 p.m.); Tom Smith (arrived at 7:45 p.m.); Carolee Zak; Vice Chairman, Mark Peters

ABSENT: Venkata Lanka; Rose Sollena; Chairman, Frank Nagy; Carla Hobbs, representative of the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Public Health

ALSO PRESENT: Board Secretary, Lisa Fania; Board of Health Attorney, Richard Tice

MINUTES

Vice Chairman Peters asked for a motion to approve the September 20, 2018 minutes.
Motion by Zak, seconded by Geremia

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

There was no public comment.

At this time, Vice Chairman Peters requested that discussion regarding the proposed ordinance regulating noise pollution related to the use of off-road recreational vehicles in residential neighborhoods be advanced, as interested parties were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Ordinance to regulate noise pollution related to the use of off-road recreational vehicles in residential neighborhoods – Vice Chairman Peters referred to a memo dated October 9, 2018 from Township Administrator, Don Hutchins, regarding the Township Committee's recommendation for the adoption of a noise ordinance regulating the use of off-road vehicles (ORVs) in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Peters advised that it was the Township Committee's recommendation to proceed with the adoption of the State's model ordinance specific to off-road vehicles only based on the following:

- *the ORV ordinance is narrowly tailored and responds to the specific issue that was raised;
- *the ORV ordinance has specific exceptions regarding the Right to Farm, use of power equipment by homeowners and businesses and use of ORVs by same thereby protecting the use of such equipment and vehicles by homeowners, businesses and farmers;
- *the General Noise Ordinance (state model) is broad and many of these issues are already preempted during the Planning Board phase of review for business-related land use applications;
- *the Township has an existing Nuisance Ordinance which addresses many noise related issues and has been sufficient in the past.

Vice Chairman Peters solicited public input.

Jim Yanuzzi, a resident of 8 Marys Court, commented on the Township's existing nuisance ordinance; the State's model ordinances, and recapped the history of events relative to the request for the proposed ordinance.

Board Members raised questions and concerns regarding who is riding the off-road vehicles; the number of vehicles being ridden; the location; and how long this has been occurring.

Vice Chairman Peters asked for a motion to proceed with a draft of the State Model Ordinance specific to the use of off-road vehicles only for introduction at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Zak, seconded by Geremia

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Hoskins, Zak, Vice Chairman Peters

NAYES: Morlando, Smith

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lanka, Sollena, Chairman Nagy

b. Approval of Massage Therapy Establishment Applications – Board Secretary, Lisa Fania, explained that applications had been received from the following massage therapy establishments:

Forget Me Not Spa, LLC
Gong Therapy Assoc., Inc. dba Crown Spa
Main Street Massage Therapy, LLC
Pure Land Massage

Ms. Fania advised that she was seeking Board Approval to issue licenses upon final review. A brief discussion was held regarding background checks; the initial inspection and legibility of the information in the application.

Vice Chairman Peters asked for a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Establishment applications for Forget Me Not Spa, LLC; Gong Therapy Assoc., Inc., dba Crown Spa; Main Street Massage Therapy, LLC; and Pure Land Massage.

Motion by Morlando, seconded by Hoskins to proceed with the issuance of licenses with the stipulation that the application be clear and legible.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Hoskins, Morlando, Smith, Zak, Vice Chairman Peters

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lanka, Sollena, Chairman Nagy

LIAISONS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

No report

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No report.

RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (RTMUA)

Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2018 were acknowledged by Board Members.

EXPENDITURES

The August 2018 Board of Health Financials were acknowledged by Board Members.

COMMENTS

Student Nurse, Karina Paris, from the Hunterdon Medical Center was present for informational purposes regarding Local Board of Health meetings.

Mr. Morlando voiced concern regarding the unsanitary conditions at the Ramada Inn and the restaurant and inquired as to the date of the last health inspection. Ms. Fania to advise Ms. Hobbs for update at a future meeting.

Board Members also inquired about the poor condition of 8 Cherryville Hollow Road and the status of the Spotted Lanternfly; and commented about tire storage at the Triton Gas Station on Route 31.

Ms. Geremia reported on a meeting at the State Department regarding the Spotted Lanternfly advising that Hunterdon County has been quarantined. Ms. Geremia expressed great concern regarding the impact of this insect. She explained that the insect is found in the Tree of Heaven and will lay egg masses now to hatch in the Spring.

Jim Yanuzzi, a resident of 8 Marys Court, asked for clarification of the jurisdiction of the Township Board of Health regarding inspections. Vice Chairman Peters advised that the Hunterdon County Department of Health is the enforcement agency for the local boards.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Peters asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Zak to adjourn

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Fania

Board of Health Secretary